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**Item 4**

**Interactive Dialogue with the Commission of Inquiry on the Syrian Arab Republic**

**Statement by Slovenia**

Mr President,

Slovenia would like to thank the Commission of Inquiry on the Syrian Arab Republic for the comprehensive report and would like express its full support for the work of the Commission.

We are deeply concerned about findings in the report, in particular that the Syrian Government forces continue to use chemical weapons against civilians and that air strikes of international coalition cause many civilian casualties. We are also gravely concerned about suffering of Syrian children as a consequence of attacks against civilians, lack of their access to education and their recruitment as child soldiers.

Slovenia stands firmly behind UN Secretary General's Special Envoy Staffan de Mistura in his efforts to reach a political agreement and bring peaceful solution to the Syrian crisis. All parties in Syria need to commit to peace and to finding a lasting political solution. This is the only sustainable way for Syria and Syrian society.

The Commission recommends to the General Assembly to enable the Commission to offer regular briefings and to Security Council to include regular briefings by the Commission as a part of its formal agenda. Welcoming these proposals, we would at the same time like to ask the Commission to elaborate, how often these briefings in the General Assembly and Security Council should be and what concrete outcome the Commission expects of these briefings.

Thank you